

obtaining a titanium molybdenum alloy wire having approximately between about 75 % and about 83 % titanium, between about 8 % and about 14 % molybdenum, between about 4 % and about 8 % zirconium and between about 2 % and about 6 % tin by weight, tapering the distal end to provide a gradient of softness, attaching a coil to the distal end, and attaching a distal tip to the distal end.

Please cancel claims 29, 34 36.

REMARKS

Claims 28 and 33 are being amended to remove the step of grinding and substituting the generic step of tapering. The method claims are now generic since they do not depend on alternate ways of making the guidewire. Therefore it is believed that the method claims are allowable as well as claims 12-27.

Claims 29, 34 and 36 are being cancelled.

The above proposed changes were relayed to the examiner by telephone but no response to the proposed amendments was received, therefore it is now being formally presented in writing.

Respectfully submitted,

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